

DRINKING WATER REORGANIZATION TASK FORCE

**RECOMMENDATION FROM WATER AGENCY AND
RECYCLED WATER REPRESENTATIVES**

**Association of California Water Agencies
California Municipal Utilities Association
California Water Association
Inland Empire Utilities Agency
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
San Gabriel Water Authority
WateReuse**

**FOR COMPOSITION OF
STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY GROUP**

1. Background:

The Drinking Water Reorganization Task Force (Task Force) is providing advice to the Brown Administration to inform the preparation of the transition plan for the transfer of the Drinking Water Program from the California Department of Public Health to the State Water Resources Control Board. One of the issues that the Task Force is discussing is whether there should be an advisory group for a longer period. The water agency and recycled water representatives listed above recommend that the Administration establish a stakeholder advisory group for a longer term (through July 1, 2019) to help make sure that program is effective after the transfer. The stakeholder advisory group should, among other things, provide input into the Administration regarding how the program is working (e.g., efficiency in the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and permitting programs), as well as suggestions for enhancing the program's effectiveness.

II. Suggested Composition of Stakeholder Advisory Group

The water agency and recycled water representatives recommend that the Stakeholder Advisory Group be composed as listed below.

- 1) One representative from a community advocacy group representing the interest of residents in disadvantaged communities with water quality challenges
- 2) One representative from a community advocacy group representing disadvantaged communities in rural areas
- 3) One representative from a state environmental organization
- 4) Two representatives from advocacy organizations for public water agencies
- 5) One representative from an advocacy organization for California Public Utilities Commission-regulated water systems

- 6) One representative from an agency that remediates impaired water in an urban area
- 7) One representative from an advocacy organization for water recycling
- 8) One representative from a wholesale public water system
- 9) One representative from an urban retail water system
- 10) One representative from a public water system which owns and operates a water recycling system
- 11) One representative from a water system serving a small disadvantaged community
- 12) One representative from an irrigation district;
- 13) Two representatives from the California Conference of Local Health Officers
- 14) Two representatives from a local government environmental health directors organization.
- 15) One representative from a technical assistance provider.